

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of certain low-volume and other livestock processing establishments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 433.0245, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1), (e), and (f) and amending Subsections (b), (c), and (d) to read as follows:

(a-1) For purposes of this section, a low-volume livestock processing establishment:

(1) includes an establishment that processes fewer than 10,000 domestic rabbits or more than 1,000 but fewer than 10,000 poultry in a calendar year; and

(2) does not include an establishment that processes 1,000 or fewer poultry raised by the operator of the establishment in a calendar year.

(b) Except as provided by Subsections (e) and (f), a [A] low-volume livestock processing establishment that is exempt from federal inspection shall register with the department in accordance with rules adopted by the executive commissioner for registration.

(c) Except as provided by Subsections (e) and (f), a [A] low-volume livestock processing establishment that is exempt from federal inspection shall develop a sanitary operation procedures plan.

(d) Except as provided by Subsection (f), if [##]

1 contaminated livestock can be reasonably traced to a low-volume
2 livestock processing establishment that is exempt from federal
3 inspection, the department may request the attorney general or the
4 district or county attorney in the jurisdiction where the facility
5 is located to institute a civil suit to enjoin the operation of the
6 establishment until the department determines that the
7 establishment has been sanitized and is operating safely.

8 (e) A low-volume livestock processing establishment that is
9 exempt from federal inspection and processes fewer than 500
10 domestic rabbits in a calendar year is not required to comply with
11 Subsection (b) or (c).

12 (f) An establishment described by Subsection (a-1)(2):
13 (1) is not subject to additional state regulation; and
14 (2) may sell poultry products directly to consumers.

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 410 was passed by the House on April 10, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 410 on May 23, 2019, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 410 on May 26, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 410

I certify that H.B. No. 410 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 410 on May 26, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor